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This letter responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated 23 Sep 2021, in which you were seeking copies of the 2018 contract between Naval Air Systems Command and McKinsey & Company: PIID N6833518F0362, Contract N6833518A0042_9700 and any and all documents relating to a conflict of interest submitted by McKinsey & Company pursuant to this contract and any proposed plan of mitigation of such conflict submitted by McKinsey for time period January 1, 2018 to present.

Enclosed is a copy of contract number N6833518F0362. Portions of the documents have been withheld under the following FOIA Exemption(s):

Exemption (b)(4) (5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(4)) protect trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person that is privileged or confidential.

Exemption (b)(6) (5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6)) protects personal information which, if disclosed, would result in an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Also, a search was completed in the official contract file for the conflict of interest portion of this FOIA request. However, despite this diligent search, we were unable to locate responsive documents.

There are no fees associated with the processing of your request in this instance.

You have the right to an appeal. It must be received within 90 days from the date of this letter. Please provide a letter requesting an appeal, with a copy of your initial request and a copy of the letter of denial, in an envelope marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal". You are encouraged, though not required, to provide an explanation why you believe the redactions were inappropriate or our search was inadequate. Also, please provide a copy of your appeal letter to us at:

NAWCAD Lakehurst - Resources and Operations Office
ATTN: FOIA Office
Highway 547, Building 150-2, Room 235
Joint Base MDL, NJ 08733

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There are two ways to file an appeal, either through FOIAonline or by mail.

1. Through FOIAonline: This will require you to set up an account on FOIAonline prior to you making the request to appeal. To set up an account, go to FOIAonline.gov, click "Create", click "Begin" and then click "Create an Account". Enter your User Information and click "Save". After your account is created you will have the ability to file an appeal online. To proceed with your appeal, locate your request by entering a keyword or the request tracking number in the "Search for" field on the "Search" tab. Click on the request, then the "Create Appeal" tab in the left-hand column. Complete the subsequent field, click "Save", and FOIAonline will submit your appeal.

2. By mail: Address your appeal to:

The Judge Advocate General (Code 14)
1322 Patterson Avenue SE, Suite 3000
Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066

Alternatively, it may be sent to the Department of the Navy General Counsel if appropriate. The Office of the General Counsel generally handles issues outside of those of the uniformed service. That address is as follows:

Department of the Navy
Office of the General Counsel
1000 Navy Pentagon, Room 5A532
Washington, DC 20350-1000

If you have any questions, please contact the FOIA coordinator at AD_FOIA.GM.fct@navy.mil. You may also contact the DON FOIA Public Liaison, Christopher Julka, at Christopher.a.julka@navy.mil, (703) 697-0031. In addition, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) provides a voluntary mediation process for resolving disputes between persons making FOIA requests and the Department of the Navy. For more information, go to https://www.archives.gov/ogis/about-ogis/contact-information.

Sincerely,

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